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MADRID, *July* 2.

SINCE it has been publickly known, that the siege of Gibraltar will be one of the first operations of our armies by sea and land, every one has hopes of seeing us re-possessed of that important fortress again; but as it is almost impregnable by force the plan is to reduce it by famine In consequence of which, it is death to furnish that place with any provision, and our army will block it up on the land side, whilst a division of the Cadiz squadron will anchor in the bay, which will be reinforced by two 70 gun ships, two frigates, two chebecs, of 32 guns, and seven galliots which sailed from Carthagena the 20th of last month, and with two 70 gun ships, two frigates, two chebecs, two bomb ketches, and three flat boats, with a 24 pounder in each, under Don Barcelo. We are assured that the rest of the Cadiz fleet is sailed from St Vincents to join the Toulon fleet With regard to the Ferrol fleet, which was to join that of Brest, we find that a misunderstanding hindered that squadron from sailing, which has prevented a great stroke, and for which Don Anthony D'Argee is displaced, and Don Solano succeeds him as commander of the Spanish fleet.

FISHKILL, *October* 28.

WE learn that several vessels, sunk by the enemy near Sandy Hook, in order to obstruct the channel, were drove on the Jersey shore; which, it is said, has rendered their scheme abortive

Part of our grand army are moving their camp a little nearer to New York; and it is supposed the remainder will soon follow

PHILADELPHIA, *October* 30.

A PARAGRAPH in the New York paper says, that the Halifax packet boat, Capt John Balderson, with the West India mail, was taken near the coast of England, by the General Stark privateer, of 22 six and nine pounders The engagement lasted five glasses; the Halifax having four men killed and five or seven wounded; one of the latter, Jame Dashwood, Esq; slightly in the hand

Yesterday arrived from a cruise, the brig Hulker, Capt. Geddis, and brought in with him a very valuable prize,

Since our last was carried into Egg harbour, Capt. John Munns, of the ship Ambuscade, bound from Oporto for New York.

BALTIMORE, *November* 2.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman in Cadiz, to his friend in this place, dated the 27th of August, 1779.

I AM sorry to inform you that on the 23d of June last, soon after my departure from Cadiz, I was so unfortunate as to be taken by a British sloop of war, and carried into Gibraltar. She also took a Boston brig, which left Cadiz with me --- The circumstances that attended us that day, are very extraordinary: the particulars of which, for want of time, I must briefly relate ---- We sailed in company with the grand Spanish armada, by advice of our friends, and in consequence of assurances from some of the officers that we should be protected; but, to my great surprise we very soon found ourselves deceived. Seeing the New Englandmen captured within hail of two Spanish frigates, I made for the Admiral, and as soon as I got under his stern, informed him that the enemy were in chase of me, and solicited his protection His answer was, that he could not grant my petition I had then no alternative but to make the best of my way I lightened my vessel by staving wine casks, and heaving overboard every heavy encumbrance; but this did not avail, as the enemy was infinitely my superiour in sailing. In short, I was carried the next day into Gibraltar, and, after examination, I was hurried, with my people, into a dreary prison; and though our confinement was short, we experienced the horrours of famine and sickness, with extreme ill-usage of various kinds. Happily for us, the Spaniards blocked up the port, and brought an army before the town! The General (determined to hold the place to the last extremity) judged it good policy, to save provisions, to send away all his prisoners, taking receipts for their discharge, in order to effect the liberation of an equal number of British subjects. By this, means thank God! am I once more extricated from British tyranny, and if I get again to America, I shall not hastily throw myself in its way. We have nothing new from the North, but are daily expecting important advices from the united fleets, as we know they are in the channel of England, and consist of 74 sail of the line, with frigates, bomb-ketches, victualling ships, &c. &c making in all 130 sail Sir Charles Hardy, with his fleet, had put into Plymouth, and perhaps will wait there for a reinforcement --- A report prevails, that the French have drawn down to their sea coasts 80,000 troops, part of which have embarked, and are destined to invade Great Britain or Ireland."

WILLIAMSBURG, *November* 13.

Extract of a letter received by a gentleman from Guearia, in Biscay, dated Sept 4, 779.

BY the second article of your letter, you desire me to acquaint you what police in these parts concerning news, those of consideration are generally kept very much a secret, however, I shall let you know those which are publick, and have their confirmation.

"By last post we have advice of the Royal Spanish fleet, commanded by His Excellency Don Luis de Cordova, was in the English channel, consisted of forty one ships of the line, a large number of frigates and other armed vessels; with these, have joined those of Count de Orvilliers, consisting of forty two ships of the line and a number of frigates; these two fleets joined together, amount to sixty three ships of the line and a great many frigates, besides other vessels of war, destined to intercept the English fleet that cruises off said coast. Should they be lucky to meet with the enemy, we hope they will fill up their object, adding honour to the Admiral and his Allies, to our arms by their natural ardent zeal in defence, and with victory to both Courts

"We have also advice, that from fifty to sixty thousand strong are ready to embark from the coast of France to that of England and Ireland; for which purpose there are the corresponding number of transports to take them in at the first notice.

"Gibraltar is besieged by the land side with thirty thousand troops, and taken care of by the sea side with seven ships of the line to prevent succours; these wanting no doubt, must submit by famine, as already provisions are scarce with them"

Extract of a letter from L'Orient, dated August 20, 1779

"Capt Paul Jones in a frigate of fifty guns sailed a few days since in company with the Alliance and fifty other vessels of war, on a cruize under the American flag.

"The English fleet is now blocked up by the united fleets of France and Spain, consisting of sixty sail of the line, besides frigates.

"Gibraltar is blocked up by the Spaniards, and reinforcements are sent to D'Estaing to support his superiority in the West Indies. Besides this forty thousand troops are assembled about Havre and St. Malo, where there are transports collected sufficient to transport them to England or Ireland.

"By these means, the tyrant of England may soon expect to see the cruelties he has caused in America carried to his own door"

Extract of a letter from Philadelphia, Nov 2, 1779.

"You may expect an immediate evacuation of Rhode Island, as every preparation has been made. The forts and light house are blown up, &c"

We are informed, from unquestionable authority, that seven French ships of the line, of the squadron of Count D'Estaing, are to winter in the harbours of this state, in order to protect our coasts from any attempts of the enemy; two of these ships are already arrived at Hampton, and more are in sight; one of them, the Fendant, has on board two hundred invalids consisting partly of sick, and partly of those who were wounded at Savannah

MARRIED,--- Mr WILLIAM ROWSAY, of this city, merchant, to Miss FANNY TABB, of York town.

Lately died at Edenton, Mr. DORRNER jun. an eminent merchant, and a partner of the house of Doerner and Marck, from France. This worthy gentleman's death is much regretted by his acquaintance in this country.

JUST imported from *Holland* and the *West Indies*, and will be sold by the package or piece, a large assortment of *Irish* linens, sheeting, coarse linens, cambrick, lawn, gauze, chintz, calico, variety of silk and linen handkerchiefs, window glass 8 by 10, knives and forks penknives, needles, mens shoes and saddles, *China* tea cups and saucers, ivory and horn combs, 6d nails, buckskin gloves, mens hats, corded dimity, silk stockings, ladies superfine cotton stockings, table cloths, cotton counterpanes, spermaceti candles, brown sugar, and bar iron.

SAMUEL BEALL.

FOUND in a bank below the battery at *York*, the sum of seventy eight pounds one shilling and seven pence in gold and silver, also two gold rings. The owner proving his property may be informed where the said money is lodged by applying to me in *York* garrison GIDEON JOHNSTON, Capt S. A.

GOOCHLAND COUNTY, *Nov.* 4, 1779.

TO be sold by the escheators, on *Monday* the 29th instant (*November*) for ready money, upwards of nine thousand acres of very valuable lands, to be laid off in lots, not exceeding four hundred acres each, many of which will have a large proportion of rich low grounds on *James* river, and the high land very good. The land lies on both sides the line which divides the counties of *Goochland* and *Fluvanna* Also two hundred and sixty very fine negroes, among which are six good carpenters, two blacksmiths, and two shoemakers a large number of horses, mares, and colts, among which are five imported mares, and a number of blooded colts, large stocks of horned cattle, a stock of hogs and sheep, pork, corn, and tobacco, a great variety of plantation utensils, and many other valuable articles too numerous to mention The sale will begin at the house of *William Harrison*, living on part of the premises, and continue till all are sold

THOMAS F BATES)
WILLIAM HOLMAN.) Commissioners.

TO be sold for ready money by the escheators on the 25th instant (*November*) at the house of *William Mitchell* in *Goochland* county, two very likely negro fellows, also a number of valuable horses, and a variety of kitchen and household furniture, and many articles too numerous to mention. Also will be sold at the same time and place upwards of five hundred acres of good land in that county, known and called *Elam's* tract The sales will begin at the said *Mitchell's* at 10 o'clock; and continue till all are sold.

2‖ THOMAS F BATES,] Commissioners.
WILLIAM HOLMAN]

ALBEMARLE barracks, *October* 29, 1779.

BEING authorized and directed by the Honourable Board of War and Ordinance of the United States, to call on every person or persons within this state who may have any hides or skins in their possession slaughtered of cattle, purchased on account of said states, to transmit to me as soon as possible an exact account of the number thereof, and in what state such hides and skins are now in, whether raw, half tanned or tanned, that I may be able to make a proper return it seems to be the opinion of that Board that neglect and derraud has been practised in that department; in order to remove suspicions of such kind for the future, and to comply with the trust reposed in me, I desire that the greatest care may be taken in curing the hides and skins at each post, and that no person whatever do sell, barter, or otherwise dispose of them, without my express orders.

6‖ THOMAS MARKS, C. H.

TO be sold at *Hanover* courthouse, on the first *Thursday* in *December* next, being court day, for ready money or loan office certificates, twenty five valuable slaves, consisting of men, women, and children. 2‖

I HAVE for sale a tract of exceeding good grain land in *Sussex* county, near *Surry* old courthouse, whereon is a very good house fifty four feet by eighteen, with a twelve foot shed the whole length of the house, finished off in the most neatest manner, and all convenient out houses, a fine apple and peach orchard. It is fine for fishing and fowling. The land may be seen, and the terms known by applying to the subscriber, who lives on the land.

1 JOHN IRBY.

Five Hundred DOLLARS *Reward.*

STOLEN on *Saturday* night the 23d of *October*, a mare of a fine blood bay four years old, about four feet seven in her high, with a blaze in her face, her hind feet white almost half up her legs, a long switch tail, not docked nor branded, with some white hairs at the root of her tail, a little cat-hammed, paces slow, a feather or curl about the middle of her neck on the near side. I will give the above reward to any person who will apprehend the thief that he may be brought to justice, and secure the mare; or I will give three hundred dollars for the mare alone, or such intelligence that she may be got again, by applying to the subscriber near *Richmond* town in *Henrico* county. 2‖ THOMAS PROSSER.

To be sold to the highest bidder, pursuant to the last will and testament of Mr. Benjamin Anderson, *deceased, at his late dwelling-house in* Hanover *town, on* Friday *the 17th of* December *next,*

THIRTY very likely *Virginia* born slaves, consisting of men, women, and children; also three good yoke of oxen, a cart, several milch cows, and a quantity of corn and fodder. At the same and place will be offered for sale a tract of 330 acres of level well timbered land, with a plantation in good order for cropping, about 6 miles from *Newcastle*, and the same distance from *Hanover* town. On this place are valuable improvements, such as a good dwelling-house, and all other convenient houses, with good apple and peach orchards. Any person inclinable to view the land, &c. before the day of sale, will be shewn the same by applying to Mr *Talley*, the overseer, on the premises. Twelve months credit will be allowed the purchasers for the land, negroes, &c. on giving bond and approved security, to carry interest from the date if not paid within one month after the same becomes due. All persons having any demands against the estate of the said deceased are desired to produce proper vouchers immediately, in order to receive payment; and those indebted thereto to make payment to

BARTT: ANDERSON, } Ex'rs.
JOHN ANDERSON, }

2‖ HANOVER, *November* 4, 1779.

NEWCASTLE, *November* 4, 1779

I HAVE for sale, four lots, on which are all the convenient houses for a family. Those who want to purchase, may know the terms by applying to the subscriber on the premises, or in his absence to Mr. *David Cochran*.

CAPTAIN THOMAS UPSHAW begs leave by this method to return his most sincere thanks to Col. *Cary*, Col *Bolling*, Major *Goode*, Capt. *Markham*, Mr. *Peterfield Trent*, Mr. *Ball*, and Mr. *Graves*, of *Chesterfield* county (whom he had the happiness of getting acquainted with while he had charge of Governeur *Hamilton* and his party at the courthouse) for their hospitable and polite treatment to him, and is far from censuring the whole neighbourhood with rudeness, as he has lately understood some would insinuate.

THE nature of the provision made by the late Dr. *Nicholas Flood* in his last will for the support of his widow, renders it absolutey necessary to bring the affairs of his estate to a point; his administrators therefore request once more that all his debtors will make immediate payment of their balances, otherwise their bonds, &c must be put into the hands of an attorney to bring suits on.

FOR charter, the schooner HENRICO, now lying at *Broadways*, a new well built vessel, burthen about ninety hogsheads completely fitted for sea, and will be ready to take in her load immediately. For terms apply to the subscribers in *Petersburg*.

P DONALD & FRENCH.

TO be sold at publick vendue at *Norfolk*, on *Monday* the 22d instant (*November*) if fair, if not the next fair day, the brig *Arrow*, *William Lewis* master, with all tackle and apparel as she came from sea. She has six 4 pounders, swivels, howitzers, muskets, pistols, cutlasses, and other implements for privateering, that may be sold with the vessel or separately. She is about 113 tuns burthen, only one year old, a remarkable well built vessel, and sails perhaps equal to any vessel on the continent. The sale to begin at twelve o'clock. PHRIPP & BOWDOIN.

TO be sold at publick auction on the premises, on *Monday* the 13th of *December* next, a lease for 18 years to come of a tract of rich tobacco land containing 894 acres (part of which is low grounds) lying on *Appamattox* river in *Cumberland* county, held of Col. *Beverly Randolph* at the annual rent of 63 l. current money, the plantation is in good order to work eighteen hands to advantage. At the same time and place will be sold about 400 barrels of *Indian* corn, 600 bushels of oats, a large quantity of fodder, and the stocks of horses, cattle, sheep, and hogs, with the plantation utensils. I would also sell a tract of well timbered land containing about 400 acres, at *Cowles* ferry, on *Chickahominy* river, in *James City* county, adjoining the lands of the late Mr. *John Aylett*, and Mr. *John Cooper*. 6‖ B. DANDRIDGE.

BLANDFORD, *October* 1, 1779.

ON *Tuesday* the 23d instant (*November*) will be sold to the highest bidder, on the premises, for ready money or short credit, as may be agreed on the day of sale, that valuable tract of land adjoining the town of *Blandford*, formerly the property of Sir *Peyton Skipwith*, containing one hundred and twenty five acres. RICHARD BATE, for

Peachy, Poythress, Bate, & Co.

N. B. The partners of the said company are hereby informed that the 24th instant (*November*) is appointed for a final settlement of the said accounts.

RICHARD BATE.

ALL those who have any claims again the estate of *Samuel Gordon*, or the estate of *Alexander Gordon*, are requested to make immediate application to Mr. *Neill Buchanan* in *Chesterfield*, or Capt *William Murray* in *Prince George* county, who are empowered to settle them. MARY GORDON, Administratrix of *Alexander Gordon*.

RICHMOND, *September* 4, 1779.

FOR sale, and possession to be given the 1st of *January* next, a tract of land in the county of *Amherst*, about 8 miles from the courthouse, and the same distance from *James* river, lying on both sides of *Buffalo* river, containing 1740 acres. There is on this tract a large and convenient dwelling-house almost new, upon a pleasant and healthy situation, in an excellent neighbourhood, and very necessary office house, garden, barns, &c. in very good repair; a valuable mill upon a never-failing stream, large apple and peach orchards, &c. The soil generally is good for tobacco, hemp, corn, and small grain, and the low grounds proper for meadows. Upwards of 100 bushels of wheat will be sown on the plantation this fall, and the purchaser, if he chooses, may have the crops of corn, fodder, oats, &c. Also one other tract of 1304 acres, eight miles above the last. This is good tobacco and grain land, but it is not improved. Also one other tract eight miles below the first mentioned, and upon the same river, containing 970 acres. There are upon this tract two small plantations, with houses sufficient for an overseer and negroes. It affords some low grounds, an exceeding fine mill seat, and most excellent range for stock. Very long credit will be given the purchaser for all or any part of the purchase money, or tobacco would be received in part of payment; or, which would be more agreeable, these lands would be bartered for a good tract lower down the country. For farther particulars inquire of the subscriber, who will be in *Williamsburg* during the setting of the Assembly. JOHN POWELL.

☞ I have for sale, either for cash or on credit, a handsome and complete set of utensils for an apothecaries shop, with between one or two hundred pounds sterling's worth of well assorted medicines. I. P.

FOR sale, in *Halifax* county, 422 acres of good land lying on *Aaron's* creek and the branches of *Hyco* river. My price is 1200 l. Should any person be inclinable to purchase, they may see the lands by applying to Col. *Wooding* in the above county, and for particulars to me in *Williamsburg*, where I shall continue during the present session of Assembly.

JOHN GARLAND

A SORREL HORSE stolen or strayed from the subscriber on *Wednesday* the sixth of *October*. He is about four feet nine inches high, a pale sorrel, with a blaze in his face, trots and gallops. I do not recollect his brand, if any. I purchased him of Mr. *Matthew Speed* of *Mecklenburg*, who told me he was five years old. I will give fifty dollars to any person who will bring him to me, or give me such information that I may get him again. He was taken from Mrs. *Ward's* in *Chesterfield* county.

JERMAN BAKER.

STOLEN out of Mr. *John Nevell's* pasture in *Hanover* county, on *Wednesday* night the 8th instant (*October*) a bay mare about six or seven years old, with a star in her forehead, hanging mane, and her tail comes just below her hams, with one or both hind feet white, about four feet six or seven inches high, branded on the near buttock IP in small letters, and paces when rode. Any person that will bring her to me, or give such intelligence that I get her, shall receive fifty dollars reward, and on conviction of the thief one hundred. ‖ JOHN CHRISTIAN.

YORK, *October* 25, 1779.

STRAYED or stolen from hence a small bay mare under fourteen hands high, with a star in her forehead, one of her fore feet white, with some black spots. I will give thirty dollars reward to have her delivered to me. tf J. NELSON.

STOLEN the night of the nineteenth instant (*September*) from the Indian side of the *Alleghany* river, opposite *Fort Pitt*, the following horses, viz. A gray stallion ten years old, about fourteen hands high, has a large scar on the left cheek. An iron gray mare ten years old, about fourteen hands high, trots natural, branded on the near shoulder P. A gray colt. A young bay mare three years old, has no brand, the hair rubbed off her withers and about the middle of her back. A black horse with a blaze face, and three white feet. A black mare eight years old, branded on the off shoulder NI. A roan mare five years old, roach mane, branded on the near buttock Y. A roan mare about thirteen hands high, branded on the near buttock US. A roan stallion four years old, branded on the rump ○, paces very fast. Any person that will take up the thief shall have four hundred dollars reward, and for each of the horses one hundred dollars, by order of Col. *Broadhead*.

C. BRADFORD, A. Q. M. G.

Fifty DOLLARS *Reward.*

RUN away some time last month from the subscriber living in *Berkely* county, *Virginia*, a yellow coloured negro man named TOM, about forty years of age, five feet seven or eight inches high, was born and raised in *Newcastle* county, *Pennsylvania*, talks *Dutch*, and speaks hoarse, and is very fond of liquor, has a very bushy head of hair, and sometimes he wears it tied behind; had on, when he went away, an old light coloured cloth coat, with a red collar and white mettle buttons, a tow shirt and trousers, a cap made of spotted fawn skin, with some horses hair in the comb of it. Whoever takes up said negro, and secures him so that his master may get him again, shall have the above reward, and reasonable charges, if brought home.

12‖ JAMES STRODE.

A LIST of tobacco which has been lying over two years in the *Dumfries* warehouses, and if not taken away will be sold according to law.

James Homes, IH, 436 652 118.
John Shoemake, IS, 268 992 108
William Davis, WD, 606 979 117.
Elijah Ash, EA, 216 883 130.
Thomas Celly, TC, 906 1646 112.
Alexander Parker, AP, 598 1080 120.
William Owen, WO, 971 1021 119.
James Cullins, IC, 629 968 132. 608 918 126.
John Page, Esq; IP, 1017 990 108. 1024 1000 108 1066 1075 107. 1022 1164 100. 1016 1037 105.
John Taliaferro, IT, 652 1093 104.
Thomas Davis, TD, 1069 920 108.
Val. King, VF, 670 1010 120
Samuel Overton, SO 784 1076 130.
Samuel Grigsby, SG, 999 1005 103.
Robert Freeman, RF, 742 1000 101.
Jonah Hein, IH, 600 993 125 619 1008 124. 618 1059 128.
John Kelly, IK, 653 1035 112.
Sure Peyton, BP, 783 952 106.
William Kinton, WK, 689 1220 143.
William Grigsby, WG, 1085 1204 118.
Robert Burwell, RB, 653 1051 114. CT, 11 1089 110. 12 1102 112. 10 1188 112. 13 1317 114.

TO be sold, a tract of land containing 300 acres, within four miles of *Staunton*, in *Augusta* county. On the premises are a young apple and peach orchard, a quantity of exceeding good meadow, and a complete bleaching mill, which, if the purchaser does not choose to employ in the bleaching business, may, at a small expense, be converted into a grist, saw, and fulling-mill, the shaft being calculated to contain all these works. For terms apply to Mr. *Alexander Sinclair* in *Staunton*, or to the subscriber in *Richmond* town. SMYTH TANDY.

THE legatees of the estate of Mr. *John Sherman*, deceased, are desired to meet at Mr *William Keene's* in *York* county, on *York* river, known by the name of *Capahosick* ferry, on the eighth day of *December*, if fair, otherwise next fair day, to settle the said estate. Likewise desire all persons having demands against the estate to make them known on that day, as we shall pay no regard to any brought after that time.

THUSTON JAMES, }
P DUDLEY RICHARDSON, } Exec'rs.
GEORGE BOOTH, }

STRAYED or stolen out of my pasture, about the thirteenth of *October*, a bay gelding fourteen hands three inches high, a hanging mane and switch tail, branded on one of his off buttocks W3, a number of white hairs in his tail, one of his fore boughs split up the middle. He goes by the name of *Gray Tail*; used but little to the saddle, and when going very apt to keep his tongue out. Whoever delivers, or informs so as I get him, shall receive thirty pounds; and on conviction of the thief, if stolen, one hundred.

A. SPOTSWOOD.

STRAYED away in June last, from the subscriber's plantation near the *Old Office*, in *Orange* county, two oxen. One red, with some white in his face and on his belly and flanks, is about five years old, and is marked with an overkeel, underkeel, and crop in one ear, and an overkeel or underkeel and hole in the other ear, had on a bell fastened with a stirrup leather. The other is a dark brindle, about six years old, marked with a crop and slit in each ear, his hind legs seems to rub against one another as he walks. Also strayed away about three weeks ago, a large brindled ox about five years old, pretty tall, marked as the last with a crop and slit in each ear, the ends of his horns have been sawed off. I imagine they will make down the country, as I brought them all from *Gloucester* county last spring. Any person giving me information by which I may get them again, shall be paid ten dollars reward for each.

P JAMES ROPP.

TO be sold, a tract of land in *Brunswick* county, lying on *Meherrin* river, supposed to contain 900 acres, about 200 of which are low grounds, inferiour to none on the river. The plantation is large enough to work nine or ten hands to advantage. For terms apply Capt. *John Burwell* of *Dinwiddie* county.

P ALEX. WALKER.

Williamsburg, *October* 6, 1779.

LAST Monday night I lost a brown bay horse, with a hanging mane, switch tail, and goose rump. He is about fourteen hands high, paces pleasantly, but trots hard. I believe he has a brand, but I cannot recollect what it is. I will give fifty dollars to any person who shall deliver him to me.

tf EDMUND RANDOLPH.

TAKEN up between the *Rivanna* river and the *Big Meadows* in the mountains, a sorrel horse about fourteen hands one inch high, a switch tail, and his mane hanging on the off side, eight years old, a natural trotter, and has no brand or ear mark. Appraised to 132 l. THOMAS GIST.